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Here is the basis for an idea I would like considered in the mix of methods that might solve most of the funding concerns for MLPAs in much the same way that public/private land trusts and conservancy organizations have addressed the issues of protecting the wilderness and open areas on the land in the state of California. Consider a mechanism for the public/private partenrship in ownership of the states nearshore ocean areas. The land trust idea already exists and has been successful in central California it could be the model for similar funding of the support and management of the soon to be created MLPAs.

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